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## Who Is It?



Born in Dedham near the former estate of his great-grandfather with its half-mile front on the Charles River, Mr. X was, like his father, grandfather, great-grandfather and others of the clan, a Harvard man, class of 1892. His father, a lawyer, was chairman of the School Committee when he attended Newton High School. His great-grandfather was a famous Statesman, a Federalist, member of the House of Representatives and friend of George Washington. Sometimes his Congressional enemies, fearful of his eloquence, moved not to vote until the next day when emotions had calmed down. His speeches are still considered models of elegance in schools and colleges. Harvard offered him the presidency of the college, but ill health obliged him to decline.

His grandfather was Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts and Chief Justice of the Superior Court.

As a very young child Mr. X came to Duxbury with his father to visit his Bradford cousins, direct descendants of Governor Bradford. Later he came on shooting trips when woodland game and water-fowl were much more plentiful than now. He was one of the four sportsmen who built the first—and only goose blind on Clark Island. His great-grandfather on the female side built and owned the house now owned by the distinguished artist, Mr. Charles Bittinger.

During World War I he was a Deputy Commissioner in the Red Cross with assimilated rank of Major in the U. S. Army, assigned by the Bureau of Public Information to the European theatre. He gathered data in France, Russia, the Balkans and Poland. He has visited Venezuela and Panama and many of the Caribbean Islands. He has written boys' books and been a free-lance writer most of his life.

His love of books led him some 20 years ago, to accept his present position in a building which belongs not to the Town, but to a Corporation.

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